

# Legislator Anker, Councilwoman Bonner and Suffolk County Police Announce Mount Sinai Neighborhood Watch

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*Pictured left to right are County Legislator Sarah Anker, Mount Sinai residents Phyllis Daly and Ellie Marino, Suffolk County Police Officers Stephanie Dwyer and Kelly Monfiletto, and Councilwoman Jane Bonner.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On February 29, County Legislator Sarah Anker, Councilwoman Jane Bonner and officers from the Suffolk County Police Department (6th Precinct) met with Mount Sinai community members to establish the first Mount Sinai Neighborhood Watch.

County Legislator Sarah Anker said, "It's vital for government, school districts and parents to work together to protect our kids from negative outside influences especially with drug addiction on the rise. We must be proactive and take measures to combat situations that can endanger our children by being constantly vigilant of our surroundings, and reporting suspicious activity to our public safety personnel."

"I thank the Suffolk County Police Department and the members of the Mount Sinai community for being proactive in establishing our first Neighborhood Watch," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "Local residents are the first defense against crime and we must encourage those who see something that looks suspicious to say something. If everyone does their part, we can make our community safer."

The Neighborhood Watch program has been very successful in deterring crime in communities throughout Suffolk County. Once a resident "adopts a block," all they are required to do is observe and report suspicious circumstances. Participants in the program are asked to fill out a log sheet with as much detail as they can to assist the police department in their investigation. Reports can be confidential and at no time should the resident become involved in any incidents.

If any residents are interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch program in either the 6th or 7th Precinct, they should call their local C.O.P.E. Units.

■ Seventh Precinct C.O.P.E. Unit 852-8775

Residents who want to learn more about the Mount Sinai Neighborhood Watch program can visit [www.mtsinaineighborhoodwatch.webstarts.com](http://www.mtsinaineighborhoodwatch.webstarts.com) or e-mail [mtsinaineighborhoodwatch@gmail.com](mailto:mtsinaineighborhoodwatch@gmail.com) .

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